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Dear Josh,

Many thanks for your offer to make way for me at the Royaumont meeting but I should much prefer that the arrangement suggested by Wolstenholme should stand, with my only responsibility to try to give a summary of the position as a start to the final discussion.

I have a very heavy burden of lectures for this trip. Opening discussion for a Prague symposium on antibody soon after Naples, Croonian Lectures for the Royal College of Physicians, contribution to Ciba Anniversary Symposium in London, so it would be too much to provide another and necessarily different contribution for Royaumont.

The Cambridge Press should have the expanded Vanderbilt lectures out very soon. You can take it that the discussion of homeostasis, emergence of forbidden clones &c. that I am preparing primarily for the Croonian Lectures will be a little more sophisticated and I rather fancy will bring my point of view so close to yours that the difference will have to be argued at semantic rather than experimental levels.

If I can get them finished before the deadline I shall send you a pre-copy to keep you up to date.

All good wishes for the early stages of the Stanford job,

Yours sincerely,


F.M. Burnet